(b) Government had tabled the Kargil Review Committee Report along with its executive summary and the Report on Action Initiated by the Government in the Rajya Sabha on February 28, 2000. A further supplementary Action Taken Report on the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee was also tabled by the Government in both Houses of Parliament on April 18, 2000. Government had constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) on April 17, 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and in particular, to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee, and to formulate specific proposals for implementation. The GoM consisted of the Home Minister, the Raksha Mantri, the External Affairs Minister and the Finance Minister. The GoM had after careful consideration of various issues formulated a comprehensive Report titled 'Reforming the National Security System', which was presented to the Prime Minister on February 26, 2001. The Government approved the recommendations made in the Report of the GoM on May 11, 2001 with the modification that a view on the recommendation relating to the institution of the CDS will be taken after consultation with various political parties. Implementation of the recommendations of the GoM has already commenced. In order to ensure that the recommendations are implemented in a time bound manner, the implementation process is being closely monitored by the Government.

Artificial limbs for soldiers

†502. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for making light artificial limbs made of carbon fibre for the soldiers becoming physically handicapped during the war and anti-terrorist action in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the soldiers likely to be benefited by this scheme annually?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Modular Carbon Fibre Artificial Limbs are being manufactured at 515 Army Base Workshop, Bangalore and are fitted at Artificial Limbs Centre, Pune. So far, 200 physically handicapped soldiers have been fitted with light weight Carbon Fibre limbs low knee.

(c) All physically, handicapped soldiers are likely to be benefited.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.